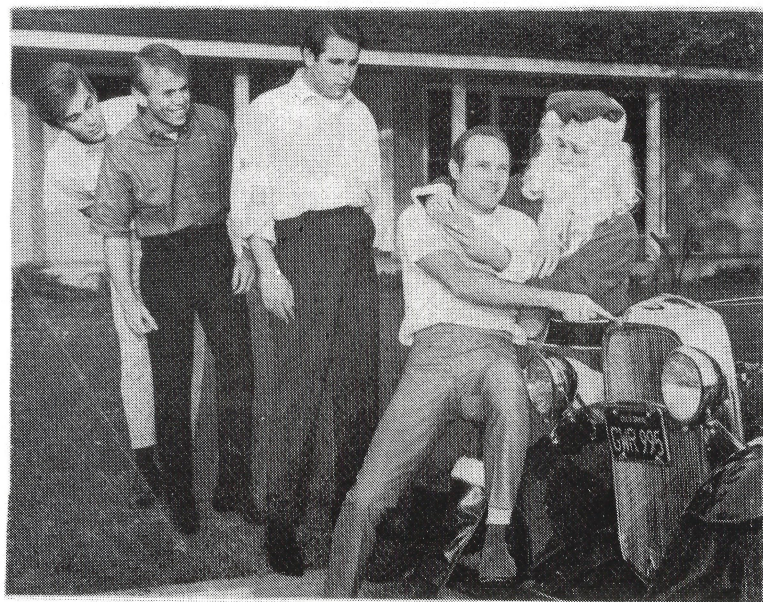
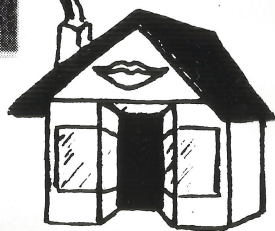


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happen, of course - far too logical - but the notion's a goodie. The best we can hope for come late '90/early '91 is something more palatable than the 25th anniversary "Special". (Put David Leaf in charge of the whole thing this time!)

Enough "what-iffing": allowing that '88 was a euphoric year (the like of which we may never see again), these twelve months past have been more than satisfying for the UK/European punters, with new material a plenty and some real live BBs on stages (unless you happened to be French...). Compared with the days of 1981/2/3/4, we have been well served.

And so, to the nineties. Touring? Of course. New product? Probably, but songs rather than albums, one suspects. And from Brian? Who knows, in the long run... but when we know, so will you. Where Brian Douglas Wilson is concerned, expect the unexpected.

Editorial



If nothing else, 1989 has proved that a resurrection of the early sixties "milk-the formula" method won't work in the eighties, as exemplified by the dismal chart showing of "Still Cruisin'", and that "Kokomo" was possibly a fluke. Could the Melcher period have run it's course, and if so, will the Beach Boys seek a new producer (or better still, an old one...), or abandon the studio once and for all?

I think not, at least for the immediate future, though not for any reasons of unfulfilled artistic longing but rather that the 30th anniversary is but a twelvemonth or so distant (depending on how you calculate these things), and some form of new product to mark the milestone is not only desired but required, and similarly guaranteed some sales.

Were there anyone in the Beach Boys management with the merest hint of foresight (something recent history tends to contradict), then the obvious thing would be to knock heads with Brian & Gene over some joint venture in which new BB & BW product will complement rather than compete, as happened in 1988. Won't

And so to the Seasons Greetings/Many Happies closer: Carl racks up 43 big ones on December 21st whilst Dennis will be in our thoughts on the 4th and the 28th... and to everyone reading this from Michael, Chris, Pip, Trevor, Roy, Nick, Andrew and yours truly, a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and prosperous new decade.

ANDREW G DOE

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R E V I E W S

Somewhere Near Japan - Beach Boys remix US cassingle - 4JM/44475
Metal Beach - Paul Shaffer US cassingle - 4JM 44413
Adios - Linda Ronstadt - album/CD - 960872-2

"Somewhere Near Japan" is the second cassingle from the STILL CRUISIN album. My copy features the album version, but I'm told some copies have the remix which according to US Capitol "Was spiced up for airplay purposes". The intro and outro have been shortened reducing the track from 4.48 to 4.13. Vocals are a wee bit more upfront and there is much more emphasis on the bass and drum tracks. This gives it a slightly more commercial sound. "Somewhere Near Japan" is the favourite of the new songs with STOMP readers, but in commercial terms, it is never more than a really good album track. It was mentioned that the Spanish version of "Kokomo" might be on the cassette, but it turns out to be the regular version.

"Metal Beach" is from Paul Shaffer's COAST TO COAST album and is also the second track on Paul's "When The Radio Is On" cassette single. "Metal Beach" is co-written by Brian Wilson and Paul Shaffer, produced by Brian Wilson and Eugene Landy. Brian is featured on vocals and keyboards. As far as I know Dr Landy makes his vocal debut on "Metal Beach". One listen will make you wonder why it isn't titled "Shortenin' Bread" which is what it sounds like a backing for. An interesting curio and reasonably enjoyable nonetheless.

Jim Webb's "Adios" appears on Linda Ronstadt's CRY LIKE A RAINSTORM - HOWL LIKE THE WIND album. The backing vocals for "Adios" are arranged and sung by Brian Wilson. This is what Linda had to say about it during an interview with Richard Skinner on BBC Radio One's Saturday Sequence on 18th November 1989: "I wanted to use the Beach Boys because more than any other sound the Beach Boys are associated with Southern California. I had established a friendship with Brian in the early '70s and I thought there was a good chance that if I asked him he would come up - and he did. He was thrilling to work with. He's an absolute genius, he's a real true vocal orchestrator. He just walked in and did these really complex harmony parts, just threw them down one track after another. Obviously he'd worked the whole thing out in his head in minutes before he would go to the mike, and he didn't sit down and work it out at the piano, or write it down or anything. He was just playing it like a pre-recorded track in his head. He's doing it brilliantly, he's such a good singer. A lot of singers have come up to me and said, how do you learn to sing pop music and I'll say, buy a Beach Boys record, there is every kind of vocal technique you can think of there."

On "Adios" Brian sings as well as he has done for many years. The future is looking bright for Brian.

MIKE

BRIAN WILSON

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As we wrap up Another
Year, I JUST WANT TO
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NEW YEAR AND SEASONS
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COMPETITION RESULTS & WINNERS

ANSWERS:

COMPETITION 1

1. Casius Clay and Sonny Liston
2. Bushy, tassled, mop-like shakers used by cheerleaders at football games.
3. Shut Down and 409

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COMPETITION 2

1. Sandy Beach
2. Christine McVie
3. Jesu Joy Of Man's Desiring



Winners of SHUT DOWN VOL 2 LPs were:

Mike Rumble from Germany - Gordon MacIntyre, Scotland.

Winners of the L.A. (LIGHT ALBUM) CDs were:

Christian Bremer, Germany - Linda Johnson, Australia

Thanks to all who entered - it was interesting to read all the different descriptions of pompoms!

MIKE

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POLL RESULTS

Here are the results of the poll for the five new songs from the STILL CRUISIN LP following a much worse response than to the BRIAN WILSON LP poll. Does that mean most of you STOMP readers don't have the LP/CD? We received 43 entries out of 900 subscribers, so is it a fair reflection of the favourite tracks? As usual 5 pts for No 1 etc.

	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>FIRST PLACE VOTES</u>
1. Somewhere Near Japan	162	20
2. Island Girl	130	5
3. Still Cruisin	126	9
4. In My Car	115	6
5. Make It Big	97	3

Many thanks to all who did enter. Despite the poor response I am interested to know what you think of new Beach Boys music.

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NB Additions and corrections welcomed.

PETER REES

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4. THE MAN WITH ALL THE TOYS 1:31
(Brian Wilson)
5. SANTA'S BEARD 1:59
(Brian Wilson)
6. MERRY CHRISTMAS, BABY 2:19
(Brian Wilson)
7. CHRISTMAS DAY 1:49
(Brian Wilson)
8. FROSTY THE SNOWMAN 1:51
(Steve Nelson-Jack Rollins)
9. WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE 1:03
(John Henry Hopkins)
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(J. Fred Coots-Haven Gillespie)
12. WHITE CHRISTMAS 2:29
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(Gannon-Kent-Ram)
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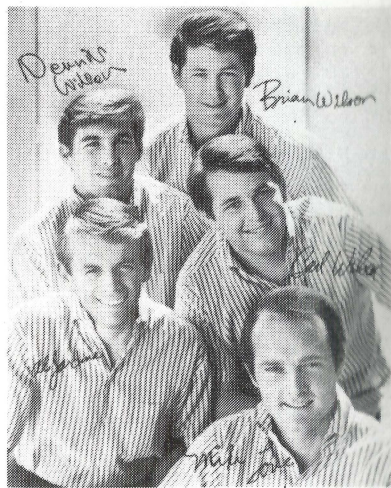
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THE BEACH BOYS' CHRISTMAS ALBUM

YEARS OF JOY

Celebrating my personal 25th anniversary of BB collecting, the Wembley appearance was ideal. I met five of the touring band, including Bruce Johnston. Also, Matt Jardine, Billy Hinsche, Ed Carter and Jeff Foskett. Plus I spoke with Alan Jardine. After a 25 year wait, I might have been disappointed but it was just the opposite.

So here is the news...

- Brian and Jeff Foskett begin rehearsing on 13 November for a possible 'solo BW' tour;
- Jeff Foskett sings and plays on all the new tracks on the STILL CRUISIN' album;
- only Brian and Carl sing the opening of "Island Girl", which Brian came up with;
- Bruce's special message was "Let everyone know we're serious about making records again."

The album strikes me as the best vocal arrangements and performances since SUNFLOWER. It is also very democratic in the sharing of lead lines. All praise to Terry Melcher for letting us hear everyone clearly. On the other hand perhaps more of the melodies could have been further developed but as a rehearsal for the next full album it seems remarkably good. Somehow, SMILE and stuff seems almost irrelevant in the face of Brian's solo material and this BB renaissance into tropical rock. I say 'almost' because it remains almost a crime to keep buried melodies and vocals which by all written accounts (Priore, Leaf et al) rival the released "Heroes and Villains".

By the way, Jeff Foskett told me that "This Whole World" and "Heroes and Villains" had been fully rehearsed as 'reserve' songs. Also, the guys had "especially included five new songs for Europe".

On a Gloria Hunniford radio prog., Bruce came up with a plea to conductor Simon Rattle to record "Pet Sounds" with the BB, guest vocalists and an orchestra. Yes, Bruce but make it live + orchestra and forget the guests!!

All the best to fellow fans.

ALAN FORRESTER

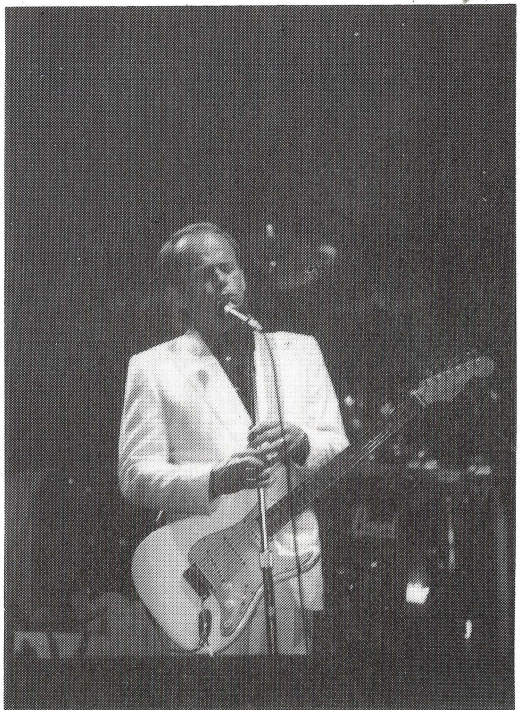
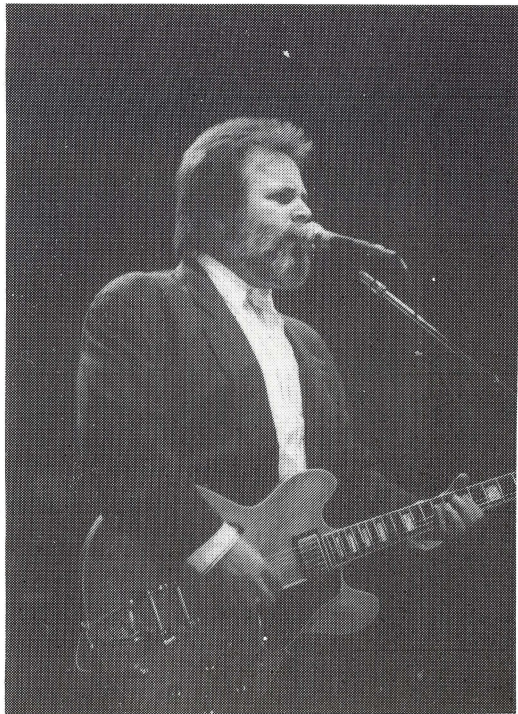
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Carl, Mike, Alan and Jeff Foscett in action at Wembley.
Photo's by Clinton Young.

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OBITUARY

I've been listening to Roger for sixteen years and I've known him for over ten years. Roger is very significant in the world of Beach Boys music for many reasons. Some of the most important Beach Boys related radio shows in the '70s and '80s were instigated by Roger including the L.A. (LIGHT ALBUM) interviews and Radio City Music Hall show in 1970. There were the 1980's KTSA interviews which led to a special interview album much sought after by collectors - also the Beach Boys all time top 12 and last year's Brian Wilson interviews.

Roger supported the Beach Boys and Brian Wilson throughout his radio career, but Roger was much more than just a Beach Boys fan as many of you that live in the London and surrounding areas will already know.

Roger was unique in that he never stuck to the usual formula playlists. He played what he wanted - often that great new record that he had discovered and wanted us to share with him. His love of music and record collecting was obvious to me and his knowledge amongst other radio presenters was second to none - no one broadcasting today could compare to him as an interviewer. Intelligent questions were always the order of the day with Roger.

During the last year or so Roger had joined Radio 1 and found a niche that was totally suitable to him, the Saturday Sequence with its magazine style of interviews and the best of the new releases. His Scott On Sunday show was to me just about the best radio ever with its unpredictable mix of everything. There were classic oldies, new releases, great album tracks, country, soul, pop, rock, jazz, anything he thought was good. I asked Roger a couple of months ago how he put his Sunday night show together, "I just take a bundle of records/CDs in and take it from there with producer Phil Swern suggesting also." Roger on Capital Radio in the '70s hosted landmark shows like the "Three o'clock Thrill" and Friday/Saturday night "Cruisin'". Who will ever forget the 1976 Cruisin' Endless Summer shows, just brilliant.

As a radio fan foremost, there is now a void in my life that can never be filled because quite simply in my opinion Roger Scott was the best. My condolences to his family and friends, I can assure you I and many others share their grief. Roger died on 31st October of an untreatable stomach cancer.

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Dear Mike & Roy

Thanks to all of you once again for an excellent Convention, although there was not a "technical hitch" of the calibre of last year (though there was a green one!).

I think the Vibrations from last year carried over, and showing the video of Brian on stage at the Visitation Centre, it was almost like he was there again.

The videos were also excellent especially the last one, and it will be a shame if at some point in the future it is not made available for **STOMPERS** to buy (DR LANDY'S OFFICE TAKE NOTE).

Brian's invitation to come and have a cup of tea with him was magic. I swear when I glanced at the faces around me EVERYONE was there with him, in his kitchen, having tea, the smiles on the faces said it all, a very special, warm, magical video, from a very special person. Thank you to everyone involved!! - And thanks again to the Team for all the hard work in organising the Convention.

And a Very Special thank you to Brian Wilson for making it another Very Special day for Everyone who was there.

Looking forward to next year.

CHARLIE BRENNAN

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Dear Mike & Roy

Thanks for a great day at the convention, the videos were excellent especially Brian's special at the end. It would be great if you could reproduce this for a later video for us to keep. Anyway I appreciate all the work you and the gang put into making it a day to remember for the fans despite any nagging problems that occur at the last minute and the hectic timekeeping that must be kept. Again, well done!

BARRY COLBERT

Dear STOMP

Congratulations on yet another enjoyable day. You people certainly do your job well. But then, you know you've done OK when you reach the end on time, in spite of those technical problems. It was a shame about the green tint, but the contents of the videos certainly made up for that.

It was a nice idea to get some of the Boys on video at Wembley. Perhaps we'll see them on tape again next year? Everybody also seemed to enjoy Brian's interview on the beach - what a delight to see the uncut version!

After last year, we didn't really expect any surprises, but that's just what the last video was. Who would have expected a grand tour of Brian's house, with Brian as tour guide? That really topped off a great day.

Please note that the work that "Your Team" does is truly appreciated by "Us Out Here".

Thanks again.

KEN BALL

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Raffle winners.



Sean Macreavy with the quiz winners, Pip White?, Paul McNulty, Brian Parker.



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Dear STOMP

Time and time again I am told that Brian Wilson is a genius, some say the best record/music producer in recent history. He has failed to produce anything of particular brilliance since 1967 and it was not until the release of PET SOUNDS that anyone took much notice of his ability as a producer at all. I'll admit that PET SOUNDS is a damn good album, but following in its wash was (supposed) to come the over-hyped, much anticipated SMILE. Could the reason for the canning of this work be that Brian Wilson knew that he had done his best work on PET SOUNDS and that the pressure to produce something better was too great? That, and the fear of disappointing his followers, knowing himself that he wasn't as good as his then 'tripped out' disciples had told the world.

We are fortunate to hear SMILE snippets from time to time and are told that they, not being complete and in order, are in bastardized form and, as with the tracks on SMILEY SMILE are a mere shadow of what could have been. Are we told this because, like in the fairy tale, nobody wants to admit that 'the king is in the altogether?' Again and again we have forced him up on a pedestal only for him to be knocked down by critics and the non fan-atical element.

When he wants to be alone we call him a recluse, the more he retreats into himself the more we put him up to be a side show freak. To top it off, we take fairly meaningless family rows and use them to pull him apart from. Maybe he was under a lot of pressure, but all he had to do was stand firm, tell them to get off their butts and do some work. If we are to believe that his family are the reason for his breakdowns, then we must also accept that he is himself as responsible, if not more, than they are. As for his ability as a lyricist, he's never been that great, but the music, that's different; we hear he is constantly writing new songs, and 'moments' of what could be monumental works. But a four bar ditty does not a concerto make. Could it be that he has earned the title 'genius' on the strength of one album, two singles and a whole heap of 'could have beens'?

Brian Wilson has written and produced music that has and continues to make people happy, but then, so have a lot of people.

As his work these days is either sub-standard (good but not great), or incomplete, we must assume that 'Genius' was part of the myth as well.

I would be very interested to hear your opinion on this.

DINAH HARVEY

Cont. Ed. It's really rather difficult to pass any opinion on a letter which, one suspects, has been written with the sole intent of provoking rather than actually questioning long-held views and our reasons for promoting same. Conversely, it's really very easy to pull apart such an overwhelmingly critical communication, especially when the preceeding missive from the same pen noted "I'm all for criticism in the constructive" (I think I know what that means...), only to be followed by something almost completely de-structive.

And ill-informed: Ms Harvey has evidently never read David Leaf's essential biography of Brian (nor apparently several recent issues of STOMP), or she would understand why to "stand firm, tell them to get off their butts and do some work" isn't Brian's way and that the family rows are far from meaningless".

Her record/tape collection is equally deficient, hence the ludicrous statement, "He has failed to produce anything of particular brilliance since 1967". In the interest of brevity, I'll merely note such titles as "This Whole World", "'Til I Die" and the majority of the BRIAN WILSON album (with especial reference to "Rio Grande").

The non-appearance of SMILE has been attributed to everything from excess herb through band resistance to unfavourable weather the third Monday in January 1967 and back again... but Brian deciding it wasn't up to snuff is a new one, and something completely validated by the material available: the recent CD gives a far more complete - though still fragmentary - version of the overall canvas, and serves only to further underline what could have been.

Yes, Brian's output since BRIAN WILSON has been slightly less than that of the LP - we know, and will accept it as such as long as solo set No. 2 redresses the balance... but to dismiss Brian's claim to be one of the major figures of post-war popular music as based on "one album, two singles and a whole heap of 'could-have-beens" at best ignores the evidence.

AGD

Dear STOMP

Thanks to all who organised the Convention; another highly enjoyable day. It was especially satisfying to come joint second in the competition and win the two signed Brian Wilson singles!

Regarding Roy's request for a list of thirty songs that we'd love to hear and see the group perform live this is a lovely dream, especially after I found the recent Wembley concert so disappointing. From where I was sitting the sound was too loud and distorted and the selection of songs very disappointing. It was the fourth time I'd seen the group live (Wembley 1975, Knebworth 1980 and Wembley Arena 1987 being the other three) and the first time I'd felt let down at hearing my favourite group. It's very sad that they've chosen to play such an easily crowd-pleasing set for 'fans' who only know them from the standard hits played on the radio. Although the group was obviously well-rehearsed, the performance lacked any real sparkle, and I felt that Carl, in particular, was bored stiff by the whole evening.

Best wishes

BRIAN J PARKER

Dear STOMP

re: Ricky Fataar - Record News

You may recall that from time to time I have notified you of albums on which Ricky Fataar appears and the latest I have seen is:

Phoebe Snow	-	"Something Real"
Elektra UK	-	EKT56 960852-1

Of the 10 tracks on the album, six have been produced by Ricky Fataar jointly with Rob Fraboni. Ricky appears on 8 tracks playing a combination of base, drums and percussion. On one track "Soothin'", he sings background vocals with Phoebe Snow and one Blondie Chapman. I think you will agree that it is highly likely that Blondie Chapman is in fact Blondie Chaplin.

Another album on which Ricky appears is:

Bonnie Raitt	-	"Nick Of Time"
Capitol	-	EST 2095

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Yours sincerely

GRAHAM R RITCHIE

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NEWS

Given the performance of the lead single from STILL CRUISIN', it should come as absolutely no surprise to learn that the second issue, "Somewhere Near Japan", has thus far failed to chart not only in the hot 100, but also in the Adult Contemporary listings. So much for an all-new Capitol LP... STILL CRUISIN' itself is still in the charts as of writing, returning figures (commencing 4th November) of 73-78-78-105- - - whilst "Still Cruisin'" dropped off the AC chart on that same 4th Nov. The issue of "Somewhere Near Japan", whilst singularly unsuccessful, has nonetheless thrown up a collectors item and a puzzle. The promo- only CD single features a remix/edit, whilst the cassingle is once again backed by "Kokomo" - the regular version, not the Spanish version originally slated. However, reports from Australia indicate that said Spanish offering will appear on the LP issue in that country... but not the CD. Quite. For those who need to know about these things, the cassingle is numbered 4JM-44475.

"Kokomo" Bit: the Amusement & Music Operators Association have announced their 1988-89 juke **box awards**, and just guess what the juke box record of the year is... Although we've not checked it out 100%, the opinion at STOMP is that "Kokomo" could well be the first song to feature on an original (-ish) chart album (STILL CRUISIN'), a chart compilation (COCKTAIL Soundtrack) and both a chart A-side and B-side (OK, so cassettes don't have a flip - picky). If anyone out there knows better, please tell us..

CD Corner: The Japanese Capitol* catalogue is now complete with the recent issue of STACK O' TRACKS. Meanwhile, the word is that 1990 will see the US issue of the Capitol albums on CD, with the inclusion of two bonus tracks on each, which could be odd 45 sides, live stuff or archive studio tracks - we don't know yet. Completeists will be delighted to learn of the existence of Charles Lloyd's WAVES on CD (A & M CDO 828), including BB backing vocals on "TM" and a poem by Mike. Finally, and turning to less-than-legal realms, a BB rarities CD from the US is set for early 1990 and is set to include a stereo mix of "Good Vibrations"... and, despite what some people would have you believe about the latest SMILE CD, it's not an unofficial issue of the Capitol Smile project.

Recording news: Brian is said to be about two tracks into his second solo album, which set may feature a contribution by Ruyichi Sakamoto by way of repaying Brian's helping him out on his own "We Love You" cover. The Beach Boys, meantime, are rumoured to be contemplating a joint project with Chicago, seeing as the spring tour went down like a bomb.

The Linda Rondstadt album, CRY LIKE A RAINSTORM - HOWL LIKE THE WIND, featuring impeccable backing vocals from Brian on "Adios", is currently in the US Top 20 at 15.

Finally, it is with deep sadness that we learned of the death recently of Roger Scott after a year long battle with cancer. He was 46. A DJ with Capital and later Radio One, Roger was, in the late seventies and early eighties, an avid BB fan and promoter of same, pulling off some of the best interviews with the band, and as recently as last summer, getting Brian to talk about PET SOUNDS for his Radio One series. His aid to our early Conventions was considerable, and we will miss him

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